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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING THE KAISER HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS BOYS' VARSITY  
BASKETBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH BRANDEN KAWAZOE FOR WINNING  
THE 2015 DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, high school basketball is a very competitive and  
2 very serious sport in Hawaii; and  
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4 WHEREAS, successful student athletes must be committed to  
5 rigorous training, teamwork, and good sportsmanship in addition  
6 to maintaining high academic achievement; and  
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8 WHEREAS, experienced and dedicated leadership can be  
9 critical to producing a winning team; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Henry J. Kaiser High School Cougars basketball  
12 team is composed of talented and committed players; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Cougars are led by Branden Kawazoe, a former  
15 standout player and 2002 graduate of Waiakea High School who  
16 went on to play for NCAA Division III Pacific University in  
17 Forest Grove, Oregon; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Coach Kawazoe was assistant coach for the boys  
20 varsity team at Iolani from 2009 to 2013; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Coach Kawazoe joined the Cougars in 2013, after  
23 serving as an assistant coach from 2007 to 2009 for his alma  
24 mater, Pacific University; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Cougars practiced long and hard to prepare  
27 themselves for the 2014-2015 season; and  
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29 WHEREAS, their hard work and dedication paid off on the  
30 court as the Cougars won a steady string of victories; and  
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32 WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 28, 2015, the Cougars scored  
33 a decisive 49-to-45 victory over the Kalani High School Falcons



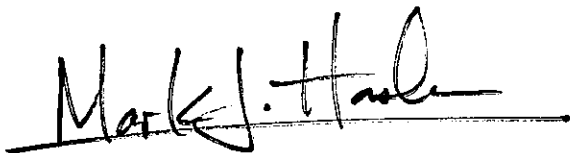
1 to win the Division II State Basketball Championship, ending the  
2 season with an 21-8 record; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the community is proud of the Cougars and Coach  
5 Kawazoe's push for excellence in sports and life; now,  
6 therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
10 Session of 2015, that this body congratulates the Henry J.  
11 Kaiser High School Cougars Varsity Boys' Basketball team Head  
12 Coach Branden Kawazoe and assistant coaches for their  
13 outstanding achievements as Division II State Champions and  
14 extends to them its sincerest Aloha and best wishes for  
15 continued success.  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be  
18 sent to Head Coach Branden Kawazoe, Assistant Coaches Kainoa  
19 Scheer, Jordan Wong, Jomo Young, Drew Uchiyama, Tyler Kamita,  
20 Kamaka Camarillo, Shane Yoshimoto, Kala'e Camarillo, Athletic  
21 Director Secretary Marlis Khansmith, Athletic Director Rodney  
22 Iwasaki, Vice Principal Dana Takahara-Dias, Principal Justin Mew  
23 and the following members of the Cougar State Champions  
24 Basketball Team Isaiah Akiona, Jonah Chinen, Bryan Iha, Chance  
25 Kalaugher, Shaun Kim, Spencer Lee, Kelsey Lewis II, Isaiah  
26 Lundell, Cameron Ma, Keoua Mahiko, Brayden Nueku, Micah Okamoto,  
27 Jalen Pinks and Nic Tom.  
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